additions will be necessary, no separate kitchens and all that. So, if we take the Christian Hostel, there will be no necessity to spend any more money to set up this idea. Why should we wait for five years? I am only trying to explain the impracticability set up.

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—I can understand if he says 'let us convert all our hostels into cosmopolitan hostels.' What he says is 'let the Christian Hostel be made cosmopolitan.'

**President.**—What Mr. Mathew says is that, in view of the shifting of the College to Anappara, it will not be proper to spend more money here and that without spending any more money the Ernakulam Christian Hostel can be converted into a cosmopolitan hostel.

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**— The Christian Hostel is full of Christian students and in the event it is thrown open to all there will not be sufficient space for all.

**President.**—Then it will be necessary to put up additional buildings?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—Yes.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The Director says that we must wait for five years. May I know what are the reasons to wait for five years for the introduction of the cosmopolitan system here?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—In five years we expect to put up buildings at Anappara.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**— What about the present hostel buildings?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—I think I have explained that repeatedly, Sir.

**Half fee concession to pupils of the Backward Classes.**

**275. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has got with it:—

(a) any paper to show that financial backwardness was also a consideration for the concession at its original stage ;

(b) if it has any such paper, will the Government be pleased to place the same on the Council Table ;

(c) will the Director be pleased to state whether in British India the production of the poverty certificates is a condition precedent for the grant of such concessions ;

(d) is it the financial backwardness of the community or the particular individual that is taken into account in granting the concession ;

(e) if it is the financil backwardness of the individual that counts, will the Government be pleased to extend the concession to pupils not included in the list of backward classes and who are financially backward ?

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**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—(a) Yes. Vide Section II page 26, Code Revision Committee Report.

(b) The Code Revision Committee Report referred to in (a) is placed on the Council Secretary's Table for reference.

(c) Yes.

(d) What is taken into account is the financial backwardness of a particular individual belonging to a community which is educationally backward.

(e) For pupils not included in the list of backward classes but financially backward a limited number of half-free scholarships has been provided in the *Code* to be awarded on the results of the Scholarship Examination. Government think that further concession is not necessary.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Is it upon the opinion of the majority that the concession was introduced?

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—The half-fee concession was given on the recommendation of the Committee. The recommendation was that half-fee may be given to boys of the backward communities who ask for such help, and the Government first accepted the recommendation. And then a few years' experience showed that so many asked who ought not to have asked, and, therefore, Government changed it in this way, *i. e.*, that the concession should be given only to those who produce the proverty certificates.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—So the present practice is against the recommendation of the majority.

**Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.**—The recommendation was that it should be given to those members of the backward communities who ask for such help and Government found afterwards that it was abused.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—My question here is 'whether the Government has got any paper to show that finanacial backwardness was also a consideration for the concession at its original stage'. This question was put by me as a supplementary question to an answer given to a previous question of mine. There the answer given to me was that financial backwardness and educational backwardness were the considerations. I do not find anything here on the page quoted in the Code Revision Committee Report that financial backwardness was also a consideration. The paragraph quoted runs thus: "Several of the Members laid emphasis that there were many Muhammadans and Ezhuvas who were well-to-do and if they did not avail themselves of the facilities for education it was due to indifference and not to poverty. It was urged, therefore, that, if any concessions were made, they should be restricted to communities that were both educationally and financially backward

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such as the Panchamas. The majority of the Members, however, expressed themselves in favour of extending the concession to all communities that are backward in point of education where such concessions are claimed." This shows that financial backwardness was not a consideration. The majority stated that all persons of the backward communities who wanted this concession must be given the same whether they were poor or rich. So this paper shows the contrary.

**President.**—You may take it for what it is worth. The time is up and questions and answers are over.

## Ingress of salt water through the Padiath Thodu.

**276. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that considerable damage is being caused to the lands on the eastern side of the Cannonshed road by the ingress of salt water through the Padiath Thodu?

**Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.**—Government are not aware that any damage is being caused to the lands referred to.

## Non-admission of a patient to the Trichur Civil Hospital.

**277. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether a dead body was found on the morning of 3rd Vrischigam 1104 on the public road by the side of the gutter in front of the Trichur Civil Hospital;

(2) whether the person whose body was found as in question (1) breathed his last on the road-side on the previous night; if not, where and when did he die;

(3) whether this person was found by the Civil Hospital employees in the Hospital portico on the western side on the night of the 2nd Vrischigam between 11 and 1;

(4) whether Mr. K. T. Mathai, M. A. (Hons.) B. L., District Court Vakil, came to the Hospital at the time when the person was lying in the portico;

(5) whether Mr. K. T. Mathai requested the Hospital employees not to disturb the person till death;

(6) whether he was not in extremely bad condition when Mr. K. T. Mathai saw him in the portico;

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